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Description

These documents, which cover the period January-August 1898, consist of letters from Jane Miller Marvin (1855-1898) to her sister Mina Miller Edison. In addition to information concerning members of the Miller family, the documents pertain to the exchange of gifts (including a pencil box and a lamp extinguisher) that were put to use at Glenmont, Edison's home in West Orange. One item mentions the employment of domestic staff at Glenmont. The last letter comments on the recent death of Theodore W. Miller in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

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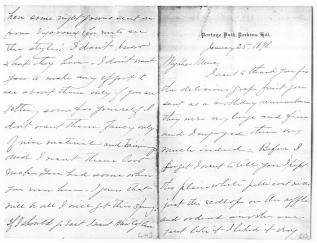

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[X104JA], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, January 25th, 1898

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
1898-01-25

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Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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han some night-gowns sent us from Vigoroux for me to see the styles. I don't know what they have. I don't want you to make any effort to see about them only if you are getting some for yourself I don't want them fancy only of nice material and trimming and I want them not much. You had some when you were here. I guess that will be all I will get this Spring. If I should go East I want Miss Coyle

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Portage Path. Perkins Hill.

January 25. 1898.

My dear Mina,

I want to thank you for the delicious grape fruit you sent as a birthday remembrance they were very large and fine and I enjoyed them very much indeed. Before I forget I want to tell you I kept the plain white petticoat with just the scollops on the ruffle and ordered another one just like it. I liked it very

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much for every day wear and
then I took the ones gown
I find it very useful it is
rather bright - but - then for the
house one needs bright things.
I thank you very much for
sending them to me. If
you are going to get any
night-dresses from Nyonoxa
I guess I will have some
made similar to the one she
made for you me last fall
or summer without the

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ruffle. I want a pretty light-
cloth cape handsomely lined
I would like double or rather
one long and then a short-
one over on the collar order
Are you going to look up any
thing of that kind for
yourself?
I understand you have a great secret
to tell next month are you
going to tell me? Perhaps
I can guess. But I won't.
How do you suppose ~~Viggo~~ Thea

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to make me two or three alum-
mum dresses. I think she makes
them so pretty.

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

It is pouring down today
Yesterday was fine I took
quite a drive. Grandma Mary
took lunch with me Yesterday
and did enjoy having them
so much. I see so little of
them they are so busy with
outside things and I some
I stay at home very closely. I
have so much trouble with my
head it makes me feel very un-
certain as I get so light-headed.
I think though I am getting
better.

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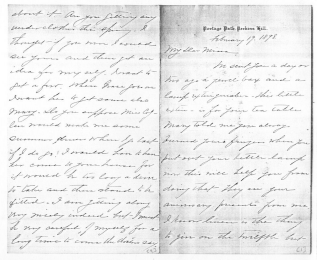
Witherr so much love and
thanks again for the fruit
I am affectionately —
Jane.



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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Porter, Eugene Hoffman
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily

Date
1898-02-19

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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about it. Are you getting any underclothes this spring. I thought if you were I could see yours and then get an idea for myself. I want to get a few. When Grace comes I want her to get some also Mary. Do you suppose Miss Coffin would make me some summer dresses when I go last if I do go. I would have to have her come to your house for it would be too long a drive to take and then stand to be fitted. I am getting along very nicely indeed but I must be very careful of myself for a long time to come the doctors say

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

February 17. 1898.

My Dear Mina

We sent you a day or two ago a pencil box and a lamp extinguisher. This little extin- is for your tea table Mary told me you always burned your fingers when you put out your kettle lamp now this will help you from doing that. They are your anniversary presents from me. I know linen is the thing to give on the twelfth but-

I couldn't get it by mail and then I think I would rather get your personal things. About the little one that is coming I feel you want her so badly I have nothing to say and hope you will have just the kind of a little darling that you wish for. I want to get something for her, and I guess I will get the hamper but you will have to select it and have it furnished complete. I am not able to do anything I

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in the way of shopping even if I was where I could get those things. I want it just as nice as possible. If Mary was going on soon enough I would have her do it for me but I don't know when she will go and Grace could hardly do it alone. It might be you would rather have something different from me but I thought I'd get first get it to correspond with the crib wouldn't you? When you come on we can talk

[3]

Since the Women Recieved the
Portage Path, Perkins Hill.
Richard does not spend his Sat-
urday afternoons at home but
goes to the Women Office. I miss
him very much and then he
doesn't come home to lunch
either always spends the
noon hours at the Women
Office so that way it doesn't
take any of his time from
his regular work. He carries his
lunch every day. He was very
sorry not to have a little chat
with you over the telephone
the other day in N. Y. He was
there only a short time on
the Women business and

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while was busy every minute. I took lunch at home yesterday and enjoyed it very much they had a good dinner Chicken pie, hot-slaw, and a very dainty and good dessert. Father I presume will be with you next week. He is very poorly and needs the best of care and a very careful diet. I hope you will persuade him to see Dr. Porter who is a very good physician for this disease. Father ought to see him two or three times. I hope you will insist on it.

[illegible]

[6]

I will pay the Carriage Expenses and lunch you may have to take in going to the city. I shall send the money this afternoon I guess I know to I want Father to be very careful of himself. I suppose Mother has written just how he is so you will be prepared. I want to do what I can to help look after him so I will send this many dollars. You must pay your cabs and lunches out of it and Father as far as it will go.

I am writing quite a long letter so I guess I will have to stop.

With ever so much love.

Jane.

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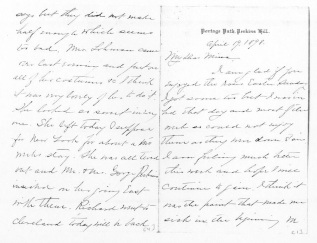

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[X104JC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 19th, 1898

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[X104JC], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, April 19th, 1898

Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Marvin, Grace Perkins (Mrs Richard P.)
- Perkins, George Tod
- Perkins, Mary Rawson (Mrs George T.)
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Wylie, Walker Gill
- McCarthy, Lena, (Mrs Michael Doyle)

Date
1898-04-19

Type
Letter

Subject
Edison-Miller family

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Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

April 19. 1898.

My dear Mina,

I am glad if you enjoyed the rose Easter Sunday I got some too but I was in bed that day and most of the week as could not enjoy them as they were down stairs. I am feeling much better this week and hope I may continue so. I think it was the paint that made me sick in the beginning. We

[1]

days but they did not make half enough which seems too bad. Mrs. Lehman came over last evening and put on all of her costumes &c I think it was very lovely of her to do it. She looked as smart in any one. She left today I suppose for New York for about a two weeks stay. She was all tired out and Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Perkins insisted on her going East with them. Richard went to Cleveland today will be back

[4]

had the ceilings on our third floor repainted. Next week we begin to paint the outside of the house and then I am going to take Lizzie and go down home and stay through the worst of it.

Will you send me Mrs. Urbs address I would like to send my curtains to her next week. I am glad you have a cook and girl to take Lena's

[2]

place I hope both will prove to be just what you want. If Jane Ellen won't come back in the Fall then I will have to have a new person which I dread very much. Now then this is running so smoothly now.

I wish you could see my tulips bed it is very pretty. We have it over run the roses I am going to have flowers all along the fence & when we get around to it. The chimes of Normandie went off beautifully every body

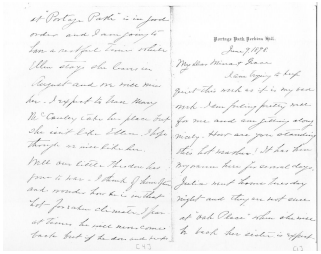
[3]

in time for dinner.

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

How is Grace - I understand
she is going to Dr. Willey's for
treatment - Now don't let him
operate - or anything of that
kind - Those specialists always
are ready to cut - Something
I think if Grace has buffet not
it will do her good -
I must lie down I have been
moving about quite a little
also reading some -
With Love to all
Jane.

I will write about them to Jim
Tom and Carter, the last named
Com.



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[X104JD], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Grace A Miller, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 9th, 1898

Title
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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient

- Miller, Grace A
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Goodrich, David Marvin
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Edison, Madeleine

Date
1898-06-09

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Foreign affairs
- Military

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Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

June 9. 1878.

My dear Mina & Grace

I am trying to keep quiet this week as it is my bad week - I am feeling pretty well for me and am getting along nicely - How are you standing this hot weather? It has been very warm here for several days. Julia went home Tuesday night - and they are not sure if she will be back her sister is expect-

[1]

at "Portage Path" is in good order and I am going to have a restful time while Ellen stays she leaves in August - and we will miss her - I expect to have Mary McCauley take her place but she isn't like Ellen. I hope though we will like her.

Will our little Theodore has gone to war - I think I see him and wonder how he is in that hot - forsaken climate - I fear at times he will never come back but if he does and keeps

[4]

ing a child next month and I presume she is nervous and wants Julia and they wrote for her and she started off without a moments notice I think she might have waited a day or two she may be back today however I wanted the family to take dinner here tonight but they had things arranged for dinner there and will come here tomorrow and

Sunday I will have them come Saturday too if they will. The servant business is the trial of housekeeping and I guess the trial of married womans life.

I had a good time the four weeks at "Oak Place" and it did me worlds of good I rested and did just as I pleased more so than in my own home I believe. It was quiet there and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Our house

Will he may not be sorry that
he went but I fear he will
Portage Path, Perkins Hill.
be ill and suffer for want of
care. I hope he will remain
in Wade's troop for then
I think he will be cared for by
Wade if he is ill. Wade you
know is second Lieut.
Now I want Grace to have that
blue gown and a coat
if she needs it and a hat
for next winter I will pay
for them if she sends me
the bill. I am very much
obliged to you both for attending

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to shopping - I like the hats very much - did you get me like the Cyphers, Mina,

I received Madaleine's letter Yesterday and a note from You I guess you must have sent the wrong note - but then it is all right - I was glad to hear from you - I do hope every is comfortable for you and the dear little stranger when she has come all right - and everything will be well -

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would love to have Madaleine Charles here with me during that time but I suppose it wouldn't do to mention it - but think about it.

With ever so much love to you all

Affectionately

Jane.

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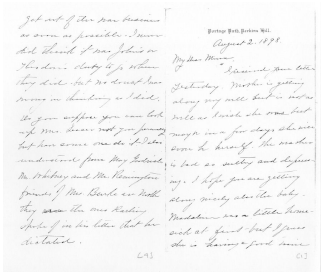

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[X104JE], Letter from Jane Eliza Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, August 2nd, 1898

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Author
Miller, Jane Eliza

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Burke, Elizabeth West Watson
- Goodrich, Mary Gellatly (Mrs Charles C.)
- Monae-Lesser, Adolph
- Monae-Lesser, Bettina H (Mrs Adolph)
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Edison, Madeleine
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Edison, Theodore Miller
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)

Date
1898-08-02

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Deaths and funerals
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Get out of the war business as soon as possible - I never did think it was John's or Theodore's duty to go when they did - but no doubt I was wrong in thinking as I did.

Do you suppose you can look up Mrs. Lesser not you personally but have some one do it - I also understood from May Goodrich Mr. Whitney and Mr. Remington friends of Mrs. Burke are North they saw the ones Darling spoke of in his letter that he dictated.

CAJ

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

August 2. 1898.

My dear Minna,

I received your letter Yesterday. Mother is getting along very well but is not as well as I wish she was but may be in a few days she will soon be herself. The weather is bad so sultry and depressing. I hope you are getting along nicely also the baby - Madaline was a little home-sick at first - but I guess she is having a good time

CIJ

now. She is spending today at Cora's she was to have come up here but went over there instead. Edward took her to Stow Lake last evening and she had a taste so that she enjoyed. I see by the papers Mrs. Lucas also Mr. Lucas have come north do you think it a possible thing to see them! I wish we could see them and get all the particulars of our darling Thurdonia mad

and death. It seem too sad and dreadful he had to be taken from us when every thing seemed so bright the darling hardly thought he would be taken so soon I don't know but may be he did. I do hope the girls will get along nicely in the treatment and for much better when they come home I will be glad to have them here again. I want John to

It would be nice to see them

Portage Path, Perkins Hill.

I thought you could get their
address from Mrs. Burke by
writing to her and then ask
them men to call upon you.
I don't realize yet that
We have lost our precious
Theodore. He was such a
sunshine or sunbeam. I
loved him so dearly.
We do not get along
pretty well. As soon as you
are able and Mary gets home
and things are settled for next
come on.

[5]

I am going down to spend
the afternoon with Mother.

With so much love -

Jane.

I am so glad the dishes
proved to give you some
pleasure -